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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

2	WHEREAS, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Center for
3	Disease Control has recommended teleworking to suppress transmission of the virus;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, the City of Austin and many of the area's major companies and
6	local businesses have shifted as much of their workforce as possible to teleworking;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, orders to close bars and restaurants and prohibitions on
9	gatherings to maintain public health and safety have resulted in more people being
10	at home during the workday; and
11	WHEREAS, many individuals in the Austin area have lost employment or
12	wages during this period in which seasonal temperatures are expected to increase;
13	NOW, THEREFORE,
14	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
15	The City Council directs the City Manager to explore options available to
16	reduce the impact of utility bills during the time we are asking our community to
17	work from or otherwise stay at home to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus.
18	At a minimum, the City Manager should consider adjusting eligibility criteria for the
19	Plus 1 emergency financial aid program to make it accessible to individuals who

20	have experienced an impact to their job or earnings as a result of COVID-19 and
21	consider other options for utility rate relief for residential customers.
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23 24 25 26 27	ADOPTED:, 2020 ATTEST:Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk
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